Prevention

Mission:

Minimize pain, suffering, and loss through public education, life safety engineering, code enforcement, as well as fire investigations.

Goals:

- Enforce state and local laws, codes and ordinances pertaining to fire and life safety.
- Conduct plan reviews and routine fire inspection of commercial and public buildings; prepare pre-plans of commercial/public buildings in the County.
- Provide public fire education.
- Respond in a timely, efficient and effective manner to requests for fire prevention and life safety services and information.
- Develop and deliver effective, audience appropriate fire/injury prevention, and life safety public-education programs.
- Conduct investigations of arson and fires of unknown or suspicious origin.
- Provide fire/injury prevention and life safety education programs to the County's fourth grade school children.
- Provide intervention and direction for children identified as juvenile fire setters, and their parents.
- Oversee public compliance with Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act Title III.
- Coordinate HazMat operations for emergency response.

Implementation Strategies for FY2005:

- Integrate designated fire and rescue shift personnel into specific inspection and investigation needs.
- Provide public fire and life safety education in the 2nd grade classes (public and private) York County Schools and provide fire prevention programs to the citizens of York County.
- Ensure further provision of fire and life safety education programs to senior citizens and other adult groups.

Budget Issues:

- In FY2002, the decrease in the budget was due to the reassignment of responsibility of various activities to Fire and Rescue Operations.
- In FY2003, additional funding was provided for new radio equipment for a replacement vehicle.
- For FY2005, increases reflect funding for routine replacement of computers.

General Fund Expenditures	FY2001 Actual Expenditures	FY2002 Actual Expenditures	FY2003 Actual Expenditures	FY2004 Original Budget	FY2004 Expected Appropriations	FY2005 Adopted Budget
30323 Prevention	on					
Personnel Services	180,379	185,735	198,581	208,010	208,010	230,818
Contractual Services	634	675	589	900	900	1,200
Internal Services	20,016	22,243	23,079	27,600	27,600	27,580
Other Charges	1,742	2,952	2,992	3,600	3,600	3,740
Materials & Supplies	9,391	8,682	4,053	8,500	8,500	8,600
Capital Outlay			1,247	-		1,500
Activity Total	212,162	220,287	230,541	248,610	248,610	273,438
Percentage Change	3.17%	3.83%	4.65%	7.84%	N/A	9.99%
FTE's						
Management Professional/Technical	1.00 2.00	1.00 2.00	1.00 2.00	1.00 2.00	1.00 2.00	1.00 2.00
Admin/Clerical	-	-	-	-	-	-
Specialized Safety Total	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00

